Prarambhik Shiksha Kosh

2021. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have created any non-lapsable fund for financing elementary education called the "Prarambhik Shiksha Kosh" and made budgetary allocations for Rs. 12,532 crore in 2005-06 as compared to Rs. 8,000 crore in 2004-05;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the financial assistance proposed to be given by Government during 2005-06 in respect of Maharashtra and Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. 'Prarambhik Shiksha Kosh', a non-lapsable fund for financing-elementary education was created *vide* Order issued on 14th November, 2005, to received the proceeds of the Education Cess which are to be utilized for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and Mid-day Meal Scheme. Budgetary allocations for Elementary Education during 2004-05 and 2005-06 are as follows:—

2004-05	Rs. 7750 crores (RE)
2005-06	Rs. 12241.76 crores. (BE)

(c) Funds released during 2005-06 are as under:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of States	SSA/NPEGEL	MDM
Maharashtra	1161.48	3959.25
Punjab	14683.89	—

Special children under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

2022. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are plans to bring speical children under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and his Ministry has done any survey to find out the approximate number of such children in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether his Ministry has identified different categories of such children and the different educational requirements of such children; and